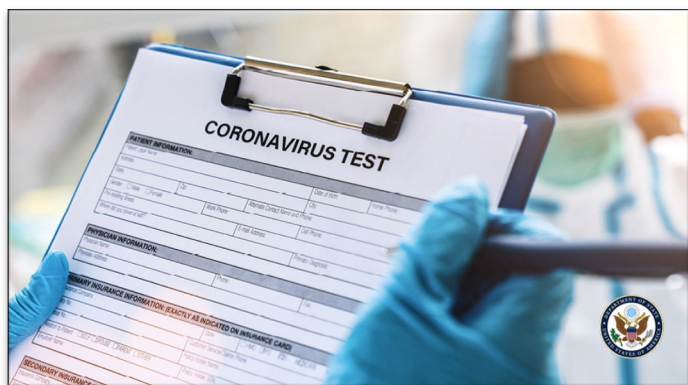


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NEWSLETTER FOR U.S. CITIZENS IN VIETNAM

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COVID-19 Test Required for U.S. Travel

Starting Jan. 26, all air travelers age 2 and older entering the United States, including U.S. citizens and LPRs, are required to present a negative COVID-19 test taken within three days of departure or proof of recovery from the virus to the airline before boarding. For Vietnam-specific information and COVID-19 testing locations, please visit the U.S. Mission's [website](#).

COVID-19 Resources: Stay Informed. Stay Safe.

- Monitor the [CDC website](#) for guidance on testing requirements.
- Check with your air carrier prior to departure for the United States.
- Visit the [Department of Homeland Security's](#) website for the latest travel guidance to the United States.
- Click [here](#) for the U.S. Department of State's COVID-19 FAQs.

Important Announcements

COVID-19 Vaccine Information:

The United States Government does not plan to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to private U.S. citizens overseas. Please follow host country developments and guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination.

Holidays & Upcoming Events*

February 10-16: Lunar New Year / President's Day

April 21: National Anniversary of Hung Kings

April 30: Victory Day

*The U.S. Embassy and U.S. Consulate General are closed.

Routine U.S. Citizen Services

Please use our online scheduling system (<http://bit.ly/acs-slot>) to request passport and notarial appointments for the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi and Consulate General HCMC.



American Citizen Services

Contact us if you have any questions at:

Embassy Hanoi 24/7: (024) 3850-5000 • U.S. Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City 24/7: (028) 3520-4200

ACS Inquiry Form: <https://vn.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/acs-inquiry-form/>

Travel Safely during Lunar New Year!

With increased travel over the Tet holiday season, there is also an increased risk of motor vehicle accidents. Road accidents are a leading cause of death and injury for U.S. citizens living and traveling in Vietnam. Vietnamese law requires everyone riding a motorbike to wear a helmet. Follow Vietnamese traffic laws and use common-sense safety measures to stay safe this Lunar New Year. Whether you live in Vietnam permanently or are visiting temporarily, [don't take a vacation from safety](#).



Useful Information for LPRs During COVID-19

If you are a U.S. lawful permanent resident (LPR) living outside of the United States due to COVID-19, you may find the information below useful. U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) retains jurisdiction over the status of LPRs and any request for official guidance should be directed

U.S. Embassy Hanoi



U.S. Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City



Crime Awareness During Tet Holiday

The U.S. Embassy Hanoi and Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City remind U.S. citizens that there is typically a rise in crime around the Tet holiday season. Petty theft, purse/phone snatching, and pick-pocketing are the most common crimes, and occur most frequently around hotels, tourist sites, airports, and other crowded areas popular with foreigners. While rare, residential burglaries do occur.

U.S. citizens are advised to maintain situational awareness, limit the amount of cash you carry, leave valuables in a safe or secure place, and keep residential doors and windows locked.

If you are targeted by thieves, do not resist and report the incident immediately to local police and to the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi or the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City. 24/7 emergency contact information is available [here](#).

Air Quality Index Levels of Health Concern	Numerical Value	Meaning
Good	0 to 50	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk
Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
Unhealthy	151 to 200	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.
Hazardous	301 to 500	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.

Air Quality in Vietnam

The U.S. Embassy and U.S. Consulate General have air quality monitors to measure PM 2.5 particulates as an indication of the air quality. You can check the current reading for Hanoi [here](#) and HCMC [here](#). The air monitors convert PM 2.5 readings into an air quality index (AQI). For more information on AQI and how it is calculated please visit: <https://www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics/>.

STEP Enrollment



The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. STEP provides important updates from the Embassy regarding conditions in your destination country and can help the Embassy contact you in an emergency. <https://step.state.gov>



U.S. Citizens with Emergencies, please call:

- Embassy Hanoi 24/7: (024) 3850-5000 within Vietnam or +8424-3850-5000 internationally.
- Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City 24/7: (028) 3520-4200 within Vietnam; or +8428-3520-4200 internationally.

For information about general, non-emergency services provided by U.S. Citizen Services, including urgent appointment requests, please contact us via our [ACS inquiry form](#).

Vietnam Travel Advisory: Level 2

On October 5, the Department of State downgraded its [travel advisory](#) for U.S. Citizens interested in traveling to Vietnam. It recommends all U.S. Citizens exercise increased caution when considering travel to Vietnam due to COVID-19. Please visit the U.S. Embassy and Consulate General's [website](#) to see information on entry restrictions, quarantine policies, and urgent health information for Vietnam.

Update on U.S. Passport Operations

To see the current update on passport operations in response to COVID-19 visit: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/passport-covid-19.html>